



Martin County School District Announces Enrollment Periods for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) and Head Start Programs

Head Start

- Head Start helps prepare 3-4 year olds for kindergarten
- The program encourage parents as their child's first and most important teacher
- Head Start helps with education, health, nutrition, social skills, and other services
- We encourage children with disabilities to apply
- Breakfast and lunch are included
- Registration begins **February 1, 2021**
- School year begins **August 11, 2021**

Beginning **February 1, 2021**, parents may apply for the Head Start Program online by visiting the Preschool & Head Start Department's [website](#). In-person applications will be accepted by **appointment only**. Please call or visit the site nearest you to schedule an appointment to turn in your application:

<p>Perkins Childhood Center 16868 SW Palm Beach Street Indiantown FL, 34956 772-597-2645 Ext. 46112 or 46105</p>	<p>Salerno School House 3940 SE Salerno Road Stuart FL, 34997 772-219-1893 Ext. 44110</p>	<p>Stuart Learning Center 1050 SE 10th Street Stuart FL, 34994 772-219-1580 Ext. 43182</p>	<p>Salerno Learning Center 3400 SE Lionel Terrace Stuart FL, 34997 772-219-1620 Ext. 38257 or 38256</p>
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To apply for the Head Start Program 2020-2021 school year, please bring the following documents to your appointment:

- Child’s Birth Certificate – Proof of Age, **child must be 3 years old by September 1, 2021**
- Proof of Residency - FPL Bill or Cable/Satellite Bill or MCSD proof of residency letter (form can be obtained at any of the four centers)
- Proof of ALL Household Income for 2019- Examples include: W-2, 1040, TANF, SSI, Wages, Alimony, Child Support
- Proof of Documented Disability (if applicable) - we encourage children with disabilities to apply.

VPK

The Martin County School District Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program (VPK) will be accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year starting on **February 2, 2021**. The program is available at select schools with limited enrollment. VPK is an early learning program that provides developmentally appropriate instruction and activities to prepare four year olds for kindergarten and beyond by building a solid foundation for school success. To be eligible, **students must be four years of age on or before September 1 of the school year in which they attend VPK and must reside within an eligible home school zone**. The three hour VPK program is provided at no cost to parents and the full school day program is available for a monthly cost of \$234.00* (*subject to change.)

Site enrollment is processed in accordance with District zoning guidelines. Parents may apply for a VPK seat at the school site their home address is zoned for. Please see the chart below for those schools that do not house a VPK classroom.

Home School Zone	VPK School Site
Bessey Creek Elementary (BCE)	Bessey Creek Elementary (BCE)
Citrus Grove Elementary (CGE)	Citrus Grove Elementary (CGE) or Palm City Elementary (PCE)
Crystal Lake Elementary (CLE)	Crystal Lake Elementary (CLE)
Felix A Williams Elementary (FAWE)	Felix A Williams Elementary (FAWE)
Hobe Sound Elementary (HSE)	Hobe Sound Elementary (HSE)
J D Parker Elementary (JDP)	J D Parker Elementary (JDP)
Jensen Beach Elementary (JBE)	Jensen Beach Elementary (JBE)
Palm City Elementary (PCE)	Palm City Elementary (PCE)
Pinewood Elementary (PWE)	Salerno Learning Center (PSLC)
Port Salerno Elementary (PSE)	Salerno Learning Center (PSLC)
SeaWind Elementary (SWE)	Hobe Sound Elementary (HSE)
Warfield Elementary School (WES)	Warfield Elementary School (WES)

Open Enrollment will take place in two phases beginning on **February 2, 2021** at **8:00 a.m.** Open Enrollment will be completed online using the following links:

For **Bessey Creek, Citrus Grove, Crystal Lake, Felix A Williams, Hobe Sound, Jensen Beach** and **Palm City Elementary Schools**, the link below will be open for responses on **February 2, 2021**, at **8:00 a.m.**:

<https://goo.gl/forms/EMIVS5T6a5KpVwUK2>

For **J.D. Parker, Salerno Learning Center** and **Warfield Elementary School**, the link below will be open for responses on **February 9, 2021** at **8:00 a.m.**:

<https://goo.gl/forms/LGgsOKy5AqS2h4lo2>

Registration for VPK is a multi-step process.

Step 1 – Parents obtain a VPK Certificate of Eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties (ELCIRMO). In order to obtain a VPK Certificate of Eligibility, parents must visit the website below to complete the online application:

<https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/>

If assistance or additional information is needed regarding the process of obtaining a VPK Certificate of Eligibility, please contact the Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties at 1-877-220-1223 ext. 260.

Step 2 – Parents register their child with the appropriate District-operated school for their home address using one of the links above.

Step 3 - Parents attend an appointment **Patricia Little, VPK Family Service Liaison**, to provide the following documents to complete the registration process:

- The VPK Certificate of Eligibility
- Child’s Birth Certificate
- **Two** Proofs of Residency (FPL, Cable, utility bill, lease agreement, Mortgage, current property tax bill, deed to home, automobile insurance policy, driver’s license or State of Florida identification card with Martin County address listed.)
- State of Florida physical record issued by child’s pediatrician.
- State of Florida immunization record.

Please note the physical and immunization records do not have to be current for registration but **MUST** be up to date prior to beginning school on Tuesday, August 11, 2021.

Appointments are held at the **Salerno School House, 3940 SE Salerno Rd., Stuart, FL 34997**. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Patricia Little at **(772) 219-1893, ext. 100**.